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36th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

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Sub-Committee
on the

STATUS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

of the

Standing Committee on

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND THE STATUS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Chair: Carolyn Bennett, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, December 9, 1998

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Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, December 9, 1998

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:24 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Wendy Lill, Judy Longfield and Mark Muise.

Acting Member(s) present: Paul Crête for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral and Hec Cloutier for Joe Jordan.

Other Member(s) present: Albina Guarnieri

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

The Clerk presided over the election of the Chair of the Sub-Committee.

It was agreed, - That Carolyn Benneth be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee.

Accordingly, Carolyn Benneth took the Chair.

It was agreed, - That the workplan prepared by William Young, Parliamentary Research Branch dated December 9th, 1998 be adopted.

At 3:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 11:16 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Jordan, Wendy Lill and The Hon. Andy Scott.

Acting Member(s) present: Reg Alcock for Nancy Karetak-Lindell and Deborah Grey for Diane Ablonczy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Sandra Harder, Research Officers.

The Committee proceeded to discuss future business.

It is agreed, - That the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities request from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities an interim budget of \$2,000 to reimburse the expenses of the out of town witnesses it propose to hear in its second round table on "New Directions Policy Options and Accountability".

At 12:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

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Chair: Carolyn Bennett, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 11, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Caledon Institute of Social Policy:

Sherri Torjman, Vice-President.

Canadian Council on Social Development:

Gail Fawcett, Research Associate.

Ekos Research Associates:

Alfred MacLeod, Executive Director, Public Policy Group.

Statistics Canada:

Doug Norris, Director of Housing, Family and Social Statistics;

Bruce Petrie, Chief Statistician.



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Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 11, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Deborah Grey, Wendy Lill and Mark Muise.

Acting Member(s) present: Mrs. Sheila Finestone for Andy Scott and John Godfrey for Joe Jordan.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Recherche Officers.

Witness(es): From the Canadian Council on Social Development: Gail Fawcett, Research Associate; *From the Caledon Institute of Social Policy:* Sherri Torjman, Vice-President; *From the Ekos Research Associates:* Alfred MacLeod, Executive Director Public Policy Group; *From the Statistics Canada:* Bruce B. Petrie, Assistant Chief Statistician; Doug Norris, Director of Housing, Family and Social Statistics.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

Bruce Petrie, Doug Norris, Gail Fawcett, Alfred McLeod and Sherri Torjman made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Chair: Carolyn Benneth, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, February 18, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:48 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Wendy Lill and The Hon. Andy Scott.

Acting Member(s) present: Ovid Jackson for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Sheila Finestone for Judi Longfield and Diane Ablonczy for Deborah Grey.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to consideration of future business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities urge the government to carry out a Health and Activity Limitation Survey of persons with disabilities in 2001 following the next census, and that the government announce its intention to proceed with a 2001 HALS, no later than May 14th, 1999.

Ordered, That the Chair of the Committee should communicate this recommendation to the Ministers of Human Resources Development, Industry, Health, Treasury Board, Finance, Transport, Canadian Heritage and Public Works and Government Services (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation), and Intergovernmental Affairs.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Committee Clerk

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Chair: Carolyn Bennett, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, March 2 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council on Social Development:

Gail Fawcett, Research Association.

Caledon Institute of Social Policy:

Sherri Torjman, Vice-President.

«Institut de réadaptation en déficience physique de Québec»:

Patrick Fougeyrollas, Scientific Director and President of the «CIDIH».

Institute of Public Administration of Canada:

Don Lenihan, Research Director.

Roecher Institute:

Cam Crawford, Acting President.

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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, March 2, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:20 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral and Deborah Grey.

Acting Member(s) present: Bryon Wilfert for Nancy Karetak-Lindell and John Finlay for Judi Longfield.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the Caledon Institute of Social Policy: Sherri Torjman, Vice-President; *From the Canadian Council on Social Development:* Gail Fawcett, Research Associate; *From the "Institut de réadaptation en déficience physique de Québec":* Patrick Fougeyrollas, "Directeur scientifique, Président de la Société Canadienne de la CIDIH"; *From the Institut Roeher Institute:* Cam Crawford, Acting President; *From the Institute of Public Administration of Canada:* Don Lenihan, Research Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society.

Don Lenihan, Sherri Torjman, Gail Fawcett, Patrick Fougeyrollas and Cam Crawford each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerks of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, March 4, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

APPEARING:

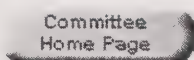
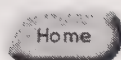
Hon. Pierre S. Pettigrew, Minister of Human Resources Development

WITNESSES:

Department of Human Resources Development:

Victor Rabinovitch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Program;

Susan Scotti, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources Investment Branch.



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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, March 4, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Deborah Grey, Joe Jordan, Mark Muise, The Hon. Andy Scott.

Acting Member(s) present: Pat Torsney for Nancy Karetak-Lindell and Hon. Sheila Finestone for Judi Longfield.

Other Member(s) present: Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder, Researcher; Bill Young.

Appearing: From the Department of Human Resources Canada: The Hon. Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of Human Resources Development.

Witness(es): From the Department of Human Resources Canada: Susan Scotti, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister. *From Human Resources Investment Branch:* Victor Rabinovitch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Programs

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

Hon. Pierre Pettigrew made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 5:12 p.m. on motion of Sheila Finestone it was agreed, - That the chair be authorized to hold meetings in order to receive evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that three (3) members of the Committee be present and provided that one member of the opposition be present.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Chair: Carolyn Bennett, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, March 11, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Canadian Alliance for Animal-Assisted Services:

John Hatton, Member;

Joanne Moss, President and Founder.

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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, March 11, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Deborah Grey, Wendy Lill and The Hon. Andy Scott.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the The Canadian Alliance for Animal-Assisted Services: Joanne Moss, President and Founder; John Hatton and Lyn Taylor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

Joanne Moss made a statement and with the other witness answered questions.

At 4:06 p.m., the Acting Chair, Deborah Grey assumed the Chair.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Carolyn Bennett, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, March 18, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

APPEARING:

Hon. David M. Collenette, Minister of Transport

Hon. John Manley, Minister of Industry

WITNESSES:

Canadian Transportation Agency:

Marian Robson, Chairman.

Department of Industry:

Mary Frances Laughton, Chief, Assistive Devices Industry Office.

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Meeting No. 8

Thursday, March 18, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Deborah Grey and Wendy Lill.

Acting Member(s) present: Larry McCormick for Nancy Karetak-Lindell. From 4:31 p.m. to 5:37 p.m., Peter Mancini for Wendy Lill.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Department of Transport: The Hon. David Collenette, Minister; *From the Department of Industry:* The Hon. John Manley, Minister of Industry.

Witness(es): From the Department of Transport: Ted Cherrett, Director General; *From the Canadian Transportation Agency:* Marian Robson, Chairman; Gavin Currie, Director General; *From the Department of Industry:* Mary Frances Laughton, Chief, Assistive Devices Industry Office.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

It was agreed that the list of questions submitted by Wendy Lill be translated, circulated to all members and forwarded to Minister Pettigrew for his response.

At 3:48 p.m. Minister Collenette and Marian Robson made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m., Larry McCormick moved, that the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities approve the proposed budget of \$28,500 for the period of April 1, 1999 to June 30, 1999 and that the Chair be authorized to present the said budget to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

After debate, the question being put it was agreed to.

At 4:45 p.m. Minister Manley made a statement and with the other witness answered questions.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 9

Thursday, April 15, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

APPEARING:

Hon. Stéphane Dion, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

WITNESSES:

Department of Human Resources Development:

Karen Junke, Director, Office of Disability Issues.

Privy Council Office:

Phil Ventura, Director General, Coordination and Advisory Services.

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Meeting No. 9

Thursday, April 15, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Deborah Grey and Joe Jordan.

Acting Member(s) present: Réal Ménard for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral to 4:21 p.m. and Guy St-Julien for Andy Scott.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Privy Council Office: The Hon. Stéphane Dion, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Witness(es): From the Privy Council Office: Phil Ventura, Director General. *From the Office for Disability Issues, Human Resources Development Canada:* Karen Junke, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

The Minister made a statement and with the other witness answered questions.

At 4:36 the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

On a motion of Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral it was agreed that the round table scheduled for May 6th be televised.

At 4:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerkof the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 10

Thursday, April 22, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

APPEARING:

Hon. Harbance Singh Dhaliwal, Minister of National Revenue;

Hon. Allan Rock, Minister of Health.

WITNESS:

Department of National Revenue:

Maureen Tapp, Director, Special Programs and Partnerships Division.

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Meeting No. 10

Thursday, April 22, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:22 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Mark Muise, The Hon. Andy Scott.

Acting Members present: Peter Mancini for Wendy Lill, Roy Bailey for Deborah Grey and Bryon Wilfert for Judi Longfield.

Other Member present: Beth Phinney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Revenue Canada: The Hon. Herb Dhaliwal, Minister of National Revenue;
From the Department of Health: The Hon. Allan Rock, Minister of Health.

Witness: From the Revenue Canada: Maureen Tapp, Director, Special Programs and Partnerships.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

The Hon. Herb Dhaliwal made a statement and, with Maureen Tapp, answered questions.

The Hon. Allan Rock made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, April 29, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

APPEARING:

Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of Finance

Hon. Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Louis Lévesque, General Director, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Department of Justice:

Yvan Roy, Senior General Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Section;

Carole Théberge, Legal Adviser, Criminal Law Policy Section.

Industry Canada:

Mary Frances Laughton, Chief, Assistive Devices Industry Office.



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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, April 29, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:24 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Deborah Grey, Wendy Lill, Judi Longfield and The Hon. Andy Scott.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the Department of Finance: The Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of Finance; *From the Department of Justice:* The Hon. Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

Witness(es): From the Department of Finance: Louis Lévesque, General Director, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch. *From the Department of Justice:* Yvan Roy, Senior General Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Section; Carole Théberge, Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Section.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

The Hon. Paul Martin made a statement and, with Louis Lévesque, answered questions.

At 4:12 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 4:30 p.m. the sitting resumed.

The Hon. Anne McLellan made a statement and, with Yvan Roy and Carole Théberge, answered questions.

At 5:37 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 5:39 p.m. the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee met to consider its future business.

At 5:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, May 6, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs:

Doreen Demas, Adviser on Disability Issues.

Canadian Association for Community Living:

Connie Laurin-Bowie, Coordinator, Government Liaison.

Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work:

Joan Westland, Executive Director.

"Confédération des organismes de personnes handicapées du Québec":

Jérôme Di Giovanni, Vice-President, Internal Affairs.

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator.

Disabled Persons Commission, Nova Scotia:

Charles Macdonald, Executive Director.

Hard of Hearing Society:

Ruth Warrick.

Human Resources Development Canada:

Phil Jensen, Director General, Social Policy Directorate, Strategic Policy Group.

Independent Living Resource Centre, St. John's:

Mary Reid, Executive Director.

Institute of Public Administration of Canada:

Don Lenihan, Research Director.

Nova Scotia Community Services:

Shulamith Medjuck, Senior Adviser, Federal-Provincial Social Initiatives Unit.

Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons of New Brunswick:

Randy Dickinson, Executive Director.

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Alberta:

Elaine Chapelle, Executive Director.

Privy Council Office:

Marc Lemay, Senior Policy Advisor, Provincial Analysis Division.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Marie Lemieux, Senior Analyst.

As Individual:

Marc Pomerleau.

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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, May 6, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met in a televised session at 8:45 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Jordan, Wendy Lill, Judi Longfield, Mark Muise and The Hon. Andy Scott.

Acting Member(s) present: Ken Epp for Deborah Grey.

Other Member(s) present: Sheila Finestone.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the Department of Human Resources Canada: Phil Jensen, Director General, Social Policy Directorate, Strategic Policy Group. *From the Nova Scotia Community Services:* Shulamith Medjuck, Senior Advisor, Federal-Provincial Social Initiatives Unit. *From the Privy Council Office:* Marc Lemay, Senior Policy Advisor, Provincial Analyst Division. *From the Institute of Public Administration of Canada:* Don Lenihan, Research Director. *From the Ekos Research Associates:* Alfred MacLeod, Executive Director Public Policy Group. *From the Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Laurie Beachell, National Co-ordinator. *From the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work:* Joan Westland, Executive Director. *From the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs:* Doreen Demas, Advisor on Disability Issues. *From the As Individual:* Marc Pomerleau, Consultant. *From the Treasury Board Secretariat:* Marie Lemieux, Senior Analyst. *From the Nova Scotia Disabled Persons Commission,* Charles Macdonald, Executive Director. *From the Premier's Council,* Elaine Chapelle, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Association for Community Living,* Connie Laurin-Bowie. *From «Comité d'adaptation de la main-d'oeuvre pour personnes handicapées»,* Jérôme Di Giovanni, Director General. *From the Independent Living Resource Centre,* Mary Reid, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

Phil Jensen, Marc Lemay and Don Lenihan made a statement.

Charlie MacDonald, Elaine Chapelle, Connie Laurin-Bowie, Jerome Di Giovanni and Mary Reid made a statement.

Phil Jensen, Shulamith Medjuck, Marc Lemay and Don Lenihan answered questions.

At 9:46 a.m. the sitting suspended.

At 9:55 the sitting resumed.

Laurie Beachell, Joan Westland, Marc Pomerleau, Doreen Demas and Marie Lemieux made a statement.

At 12:10 the sitting suspended and the participants formed into round tables.

At 13:05 p.m. the sitting resumed.

Andy Scott, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Randy Dickinson, Carolyn Bennett and Wendy Lill summarized the roundtable discussions.

At 1:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Human Resources Development Canada:

Cathy Drummond, Director General, Program Policy and Planning, Income Security Programs;

Victor Rabinovitch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Programs;

Doug Taylor, Acting Director General, Central Operations, Income Security Programs.

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The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Deborah Grey, Wendy Lill, Judi Longfield and The Hon. Andy Scott.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the Department of Human Resources Canada: Victor Rabinovitch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Programs; Cathy Drummond, Director General, Program Policy and Planning, Income Security Programs; Doug Taylor, Acting Director General, Central Operations, Income Security Programs.

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Victor Rabinovitch made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 12:38 the sitting was suspended.

At 12:43 the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

It was decided that the Committee report on the evidence it has heard and identify the issues.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 14

Thursday, May 27, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

APPEARING:

Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Secretary of State (Children and Youth)

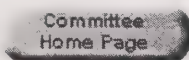
WITNESSES:

Human Resources Development Canada:

Deborah Price, Special Adviser, Aboriginal and HRDC Relations, Secretary of State,
Children and Youth;

Susan Scotti, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources Investment Branch;

Deborah Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development, Strategic Policy.



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Meeting No. 14

Thursday, May 27, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Deborah Grey, Wendy Lill and Judi Longfield.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada: The Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Secretary of State (Children and Youth).

Witness(es): From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada: Susan Scotti, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources Investment Branch; Deborah Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development, Strategic Policy; Mary Glen, Director General, Social Development Directorate, Human Resources Investment Branch, Deborah Price, Special Advisor Aboriginal, HRDC Relations Aboriginal Relations Office.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society.

The Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:44 the sitting was suspended.

At 4:49 the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee commenced consideration of its draft report.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Committee Clerk

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Tuesday, June 1st, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 1:07 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Deborah Grey, Joe Jordan, Wendy Lill, Judi Longfield and The Hon. Andy Scott.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

The Committee proceeded to consider its draft report.

Mrs. Longfield moved,

That, the draft report (as amended) be adopted as the First Report of the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

That, the Chair be authorized to make changes following today's comments and also to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

That, the Chair be authorized to present the Report to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

That, the Committee requests that the Government table a comprehensive response within 45 days after Parliament resumes following its adjournment and/or prorogation.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the Committee authorises the printing of the dissenting opinion of the Bloc québécois as an appendix to this report immediately after the signature of the Chair, that the dissenting opinion be limited to not more than two pages; and that the dissenting opinion be delivered to the Clerk of the Committee not later than 48 hours following the adoption of the report.

After debate the question being put on the motion it was adopted.

At 1:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 16

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

APPEARING:

Hon. Marcel Massé, President of the Treasury Board

Hon. Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

WITNESSES:

Department Indian Affairs and Northern Development Canada:

Cynthia Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Programming
and Program Re-design Sector.

Treasury Board of Canada:

Kay Stanley, Assistant Secretary, Employment Equity Division.

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Thursday, June 3, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Wendy Lill and The Hon. Andy Scott.

Acting Member(s) present: Ken Epp for Deborah Grey.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the Treasury Board of Canada: The Hon. Marcel Massé, President of the Treasury Board; *From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada:* The Hon. Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witness(es): From the Treasury Board of Canada: Kay Stanley, Assistant Secretary, Employment Equity Division; Joan Ouellette, Director, Employment Equity Division. *From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:* Cynthia Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Programming and Program Re-design Sector;

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

Hon. Marcel Massé made an opening statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

Hon. Jane Stewart and Cynthia Williams made an opening statement and answered questions.

Wendy Lill presented the report of Barbara Schoeber winner of the 1998 Centennial Flame Award entitled "With each step you take, you see a little further: the long way home of Walter Lawrence".

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, June 8, 1999



ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Canada Pension Plan / Old Age Security:

Chantal Favreau, Legal Counsel, Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals;

Tina Head, Senior Counsel, Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals;

Margaret McGrath, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals;

Peter Smith, Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals.

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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, June 8, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Deborah Grey, Mark Muisse and The Hon. Andy Scott.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Research Officer.

Witness(es): From the Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security: Peter Smith, Commisioner, Margaret McGrath, Deputy Commissioner, Tina Head, Senior Counsel and Chantal Favreau, Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c), choice of the 1999 Centennial Flame Research Award winner.

Peter Smith made an opening statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

It was agreed that Darrell Swain be the winner of the Centennial Flame Research Award for the year 1999.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

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Meeting No. 1

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chairman



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Thursday, December 2, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 4:05 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Clerk presiding over the election of a Chair.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Jordan, Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

Acting Member present: Judy Sgro for Karen Redman.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Researcher.

The Clerk presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Nancy Karetak-Lindell, it was agreed, - That Carolyn Bennett do take the Chair of this Sub-Committee.

Carolyn Bennett took the Chair.

On motion of Joe Jordan, it was agreed that the Sub-Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Sub-Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

At 4:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, December 15, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of tax measures respecting persons with disabilities

WITNESSES:

Caledon Institute of Social Policy:

Sherri Torjman, Vice-President.

Canadian Association of Community Living:

Connie Laurin-Bowie, Director, Policy and Programms.

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Harry Beatty, Legal Counsel.



Department of Finance:

Louis Lévesque, General Director, Tax Policy Branch.

University of Toronto:

David Duff, Professor, Faculty of Law.

Williams Research:

Gregory Williams, President.

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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, December 15, 1999

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Deborah Grey, Joe Jordan, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Mark Muise and Karen Redman.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Association of Community Living: Connie Laurin-Bowie, Director, Policy and Programs. *From the Caledon Institute of Social Policy:* Sherri Torjman, Vice-President. *From the Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Harry Beatty, Legal Counsel. *From the University of Toronto:* David Duff, Faculty of Law. *From Williams Research:* Gregory Williams, President. *From the Department of Finance:* Louis Lévesque, General Director, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to its mandate dated October 29, 1999, the Sub-committee proceeded to the consideration of tax measures respecting persons with disabilities.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the Sub-committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bernard G. Fournier

Clerk of the Sub-committee

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Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 10, 2000

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 10:07 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Karetak-Lindell and Wendy Lill.

Acting Member(s) present: Suzanne Tremblay for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Sandra Harder, Research Officers.

The Sub-committee considered its future business.

At 11:48 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, February 23, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the health and activities limitation survey

WITNESSES:

Human Resources Development Canada:

Jean-Pierre Voyer, Director General, Applied Research Branch, Strategic Policy.

Statistics Canada:

Doug Norris, Director General, Census and Demographic Statistics;

Mike Sheridan, Assistant Chief Statistician, Social Institutions and Labour Statistics.



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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, February 23, 2000

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Wendy Lill.

Acting Members present: Paul Forseth for Maurice Vellacott, Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Researcher.

Witnesses: From the Statistics Canada: Mike Sheridan, Assistant Chief Statistician, Social, Institutions and Labour Statistics; Doug Norris, Director General, Census and Demographic Statistics. *From the Human Resources Development Canada:* Jean-Pierre Voyer, Director General, Applied Research Branch, Strategic Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) the Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Health and Activities Limitation Survey.

Mike Sheridan and Doug Norris made opening statements and with Jean-Pierre Voyer, answered questions.

At 4:18 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford

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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Wendy Lill, Mark Muise.

Other Member present: Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, and Julie Mackenzie, Research Officers.

The Sub-Committee discussed its future business.

It was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee hold a meeting, to hear G. Darrell Swain, last year's winner of the Centennial Flame Research Award and that the Sub-Committee offer appropriate hospitality.

It was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee hold a meeting on the Eldridge decision of the Supreme Court on May 3, 2000.

It was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee hold meetings on each subsequent Wednesday until June 14 in accordance with a work plan to be prepared by Research staff.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Institute of Rehabilitation, Research and Development, Ottawa:

Jamie MacDougall, Director of Research.

York University:

Marcia Rioux, Researcher Associate, Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies; Graduate Faculty, School of Social Work.

As Individuals:

David Baker;

Henry Vlug.



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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Wendy Lill, Maurice Vellacott.

Associate Member(s) present: Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Peter Adams.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: William Young, Researcher.

Witness(es): As Individual: Henry Vlug, Lawyer; David Baker, Lawyer, *From the Institute of Rehabilitation, Research and Development, Ottawa:* Jamie MacDougall, Director of Research; *From York University:* Marcia Rioux, Researcher Associate, Roberts Centre for Canadian Studies York University and Graduate Faculty, School of Social Work.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3) (c) Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: Eldridge Supreme Court of Canada Decision.

Henry Vlug, David Baker, Jamie MacDougall and Marcia Rioux made opening statements and answered questions.

At 4:48 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford

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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: The Human Rights System and People with Disabilities

WITNESSES:

Canadian Human Rights Commission:

Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay, Chief Commissioner;

Michel Paré, Director, Standards and Alternate Dispute Resolutions;

Michael Small, Deputy Director, Policy and Planning Branch.



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Meeting No. 7

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The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Wendy Lill,

Acting Member present: Reed Elly for Maurice Vellacott.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: William Young, Researcher.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Human Rights Commission: Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay, Chief Commissioner, Michel Paré, Director, Standards and Alternate Dispute Resolutions and Michael Small, Policy and Planning Officer

Pursuant to Standing Order Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3) (c) Study of matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: The Human Rights System and People with Disabilities

Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 4:20 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:46 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford

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Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, May 31, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society:
Support systems for Persons with Disabilities

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association for Community Living:

Don Gallant.

Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres:

Traci Walters, National Director.

Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work:

Joan Westland, Executive Director.



Canadian National Institute for the Blind:

Angelo Nikias, National Director, Government Relations, International Liaison.

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator;

Michael Huck, Chair, Social Policy Commission; Member, Saskatchewan Voice of People with Disabilities;

Lucie Lemieux-Brossard, Treasurer.

Department of Finance Canada:

Louis Lévesque, General Director, Tax Policy Branch.

Department of Human Resources Development Canada:

Deborah Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development, Strategic Policy;

Allen Zeesman, Director, Income Security and Social Development Studies, Applied Research Branch.

Independent Living Resource Centre of Calgary:

Rick Goodfellow, Executive Director.

Learning Disabilities Association of Canada:

Pauline Mantha, Executive Director.

Nova Scotia Disabled Persons Commission:

Charles Macdonald, Executive Director.

Roeher Institute:

Cam Crawford, Acting President.

St. John's Independent Living Resource Centre:

Mary Reid, Executive Director.

As Individual:

G. Darrell Swain, 1999 Recipient, Centennial Flame Research Award.

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Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, May 31, 2000

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Wendy Lill, Mark Muise,.

Acting Members present: Michel Guimond for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Paul Crête for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Researcher.

Witnesses: From the Council of Canadians with Disabilities: Lucie Lemieux-Brossard, Treasurer. *From the Calgary Independent Living Centre:* Rick Goodfellow, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Association for Community Living:* Don Gallant. *From the Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres:* Traci Walters, National Director. *From the Canadian National Institute for the Blind:* Angelo Nikias, National Director, Government Relations, International Liaison. *From the Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Laurie Beachell, National Co-ordinator. *From the Independent Living Resource Centre:* Mary Reid, Executive Director. *From the Institut Roeher Institute:* Cam Crawford, Acting Executive Director. *From the Department of Finance:* Louis Lévesque, General Director, Tax Policy Branch. *From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada:* Deborah Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development, Strategic Policy; Allen Zeeman, Director, Income Security and Social Development Studies, Applied Research Branch. *From the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work:* Joan Westland, Executive Director. *From the Nova Scotia Disabled Persons Commission:* Charles Macdonald, Executive Director. *From the Learning Disabilities Association:* Pauline Mantha, Executive Director and Elizabeth Gayda, Chair. *As Individual:* G. Darrell Swain, 1999 Recipient Centennial Flame Research Award.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: Support systems for Persons with Disabilities.

Laurie Beachell, Angelo Nikias, Michael Huck, Don Gallant and Lucie Lemieux-Brossard made opening statements and, with the other participants proceeded to a round table discussion.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee proceeded to the 1999 Centennial Flame Award. Darrell Swain presented a Report on Marie Elizabeth Anne White.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk(s) of the Sub-Committee

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Chairman: John Godfrey, Lib.,



Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to children with disabilities

WITNESSES:

Caledon Institute of Social Policy:

Sherri Torkman, Vice-President.

Canadian Association for Community Living:

Connie Laurin-Bowie, Director, Policy and Programs.

Canadian Institute of Child Health:

Dawn Walker, Executive Director.

Department of Health Canada:

David Fransen, Director General, Population Health Directorate, Health Promotion and Programs Branch.

Department of Human Resources Development Canada:

Deborah Caron Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development;

Marta Morgan, Director, Children's Policy.

National Centre for Child Care Inclusion:

Sharon Hope Irwin, Executive Director, Special Link.

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Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met jointly with the Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chairs, Carolyn Bennett and John Godfrey presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Wendy Lill.

Members of the Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk present: Carolyn Bennett, Libby Davies, John Godfrey and Diane St-Jacques.

Acting Member present: Paul Crête for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

Other Members present: Peter Adams, Bonnie Brown, Larry McCormick, Rey Pagtakhan, Judy Sgro.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Julie MacKenzie and William Young.

Witnesses: From the Caledon Institute of Social Policy: Sherri Torjman, Vice-President. *From the Canadian Association of Community Living:* Connie Laurin-Bowie, Director, Policy and Programs. *From the Canadian Institute of Child Health:* Dawn Walker, Executive Director. *From the National Centre for Child Care Inclusion:* Sharon Hope Irwin, Executive Director, Specialink. *From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada:* Marta Morgan, Director, Children's Policy, Deborah Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development. *From Health Canada:* David Fransen, Director general, Population Health Directorate, Health Promotion and Programs Branch; Heather McCormack, Program Officer, Population Health Directorate, Childhood and Youth Division, Health Promotion and Programs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), a study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to children with Disabilities

Dawn Walker, Sherri Torjman, Connie Laurin-Bowie, Sharon Hope Irwin, Marta Morgan and David Fransen made an opening statement and, with the other participants, proceeded to a round table discussion.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Wednesday, June 14, 2000

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 4:24 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Karen Redman.

Acting Member present: Dick Harris for Maurice Vellacott.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: William Young, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: Support systems for Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed, - That Members of the Sub-Committee review the applicants for the Centennial Flame Award for 2000 and submit their choice for this year's recipient to the Sub-Committee Clerk by Friday, June 23.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Patrice Martin

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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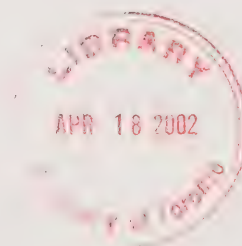
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Wednesday, April 4, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Future business





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Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:47 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Reed Elley, Robert Lanctôt, Wendy Lill, and Janko Peric.

Acting Member present: Jim Abbot for Reed Elley

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Julie MacKenzie researchers.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to consider its future business.

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee would hold a round-table on April 25th 2001 to hear from various Disability Advocacy groups on issues that the Sub-Committee may wish to explore.

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee endeavour to convene its meetings on Wednesday afternoons wherever possible.

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee invite Ministers and officials to give testimony about key issues relating to the work of the committee.

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee issue a media release to advertise the yearly Centennial Flame Research Award and Report.

It was agreed that the deadline for the acceptance of submissions for the Centennial Flame Research Award and Report be postponed until September 1st, 2001.

At 5:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association for Community Living:

Diane Richler, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres:

Traci Walters, National Director.

Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work:

Joan Westland, Executive Director;

Neil Young, Vice-President.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind:

Fran Cutler, National Chair.



Canadian Paraplegic Association:

François Bélisle, Chief Executive Officer.

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator;

Paul A. Young, National Chairperson.

Easter Seals / March of Dimes National Council:

Bill Mates, National Council Member.

Learning Disabilities Association of Canada:

Pauline Mantha, Executive Director.

National Educational Association of Disabled Students:

Frank Smith, National Coordinator.



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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met in a televised session at 5:53 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Robert Lanctôt, Wendy Lill, Karen Redman.

Acting Members present: Paul Crête for Robert Lanctôt.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Julie MacKenzie researchers.

Witnesses: From the Assembly of First Nations: Wendall Nicholas, Disabilities Advisor, Policy Analyst. *From the Canadian Association for Community Living:* Diane Richler, Executive Vice-President. *From the Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres:* Traci Walters, National Director. *From the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work:* Joan Westland, Executive Director; Neil Young, Vice President. *From the Canadian National Institute for the Blind:* Fran Cutler, National Chair. *From the Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Laurie Beachell, National Co-ordinator; Paul A. Young, National Chairperson. *From the Easter Seals/March of Dimes National Council:* Bill Mates, National Council Member; Graham Martin, Chair, National Council. *From the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada:* Pauline Mantha, Executive Director. *From the National Educational Association of Disabled Students:* Frank Smith, National Coordinator. *From the «Office des personnes handicapées du Québec (OPHQ)»:* To be determined.. *From the Canadian Paraplegic Association:* François Bélisle, Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society.

Laurie Beachell, François Bélisle, Fran Cutler, Pauline Mantha, Bill Mates, Diane Richler, Frank Smith, Traci Walters, Joan Westland, Neil Young and Paul A. Young made statements and, with the other participants proceeded to a round table discussion.

At 8:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work:

Joan Westland, Executive Director;

Neil Young, Vice-President.

Carleton University:

Roy Hanes, Professor, School of Social Work.

"Confédération des organismes provinciaux de personnes handicapées du Québec":

Chloé Serradori, Director General.

"Comité d'adaptation de la main-d'oeuvre pour personnes handicapées":

Jerôme Di Giovanni, Executive Director.

Human Resources Development Canada:

David A. MacDonald, Director General, Skills and Learning;

Deborah Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development.

Industry Canada:

Mary Frances Laughton, Chief, Assistive Devices Industry Office.

Neil Squire Foundation:

Gary Birch, Executive Director.



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Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Robert Lanctôt, Wendy Lill, Janko Peric.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society.

Gary Birch, Jérôme Di Giovanni, Roy Hanes, Chloe Seradoni, and Joan Westland made statements and, with the other participants proceeded to a round table discussion.

At 5:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Clerks of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 9, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society:
Round table on making disability supports

WITNESSES:

Caledon Institute of Social Policy:

Sherri Torjman, Vice-President.

Canadian Association for Community Living:

Connie Laurin-Bowie, Director, Policy and Programs.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind:

Angelo Nikias, National Director, Government Relations, International Liaison.

Department of Finance Canada:

Serge Nadeau, Director, Personal Income Tax Division.



Human Resources Development Canada:

Deborah Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development.



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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 9, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Robert Lanctôt, Wendy Lill, Janko Peric, Karen Redman, Elley Reed, Greg Thompson, and Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Julie MacKenzie and Bill Young researchers.

Witnesses: From the Caledon Institute of Social Policy: Sherri Torjman, Vice-President. *From the Canadian Association for Community Living:* Connie Laurin-Bowie, Director, Policy and Programs. *From the Canadian National Institute for the Blind:* Angelo Nikias, National Director, Government Relations, International Liaison; Myriam Renaud, researcher-writer. *From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada:* Deborah Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development. *From the Department of Finance:* Serge Nadeau, Director, Personal Income Tax Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: Round table on making disability supports.

It was agreed, that the budget of the Sub-Committee for witness expenses in the amount of \$25,900.00 for the budget period April 1, 2001 – June 31, 2001 be approved.

It was agreed, that the budget of the Sub-Committee for travel expenses in the amount of \$3188.00 for the budget period April 1, 2001 – June 31, 2001 be approved.

On motion of Janko Peric, it was agreed, that pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) that the Sub-Committee, in its study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society be authorized to attend the International Congress – Inclusion by Design, on June 1, 2001 in Montreal, to participate in a round table meeting of the Congress plenary speakers and Sub-Committee members and that the necessary staff accompany the Sub-Committee.

On motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, that the Sub-Committee host a small reception in honour of the 2001 recipient of the Centennial Flame Research Award.

On motion of Tony Tirabassi, it was agreed, that Pursuant to the Centennial Flame Research Award Act 7.(4), that the Sub-Committee call the recipient of the 2001 Centennial Flame Research Award, Mrs. Marg Ruttan, as a witness in the Fall of 2001 to present her report to the Sub-Committee.

At 3:41 p.m., Sherri Torjman, Connie Laurin-Bowie, Angelo Nikias, Deborah Tunis and Serge Nadeau made statements and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society:
Round table on disability income support

WITNESSES:

Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped:

Harry Beatty.

Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health:

Phil Upshall, Chair.

"Confédération des organismes de personnes handicapées du Québec":

Mercedes Benegbi, Vice-President, External Affairs;

Chloé Serradori, Executive director.



Human Resources Development Canada:

Nancy Lawand, Director, Canada Pension Plan Program Policy;

Paul Migus, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Programs.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:

Nickie Cassidy, National Social Action Volunteer;

Helen Wagle, Manager, Social Action.

Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security:

Tina Head, Senior Counsel, Legal Services Unit.

Roeher Institute:

Cam Crawford, Acting Executive Director.



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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:25 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Wendy Lill, Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Paul Crête for Robert Lanctôt.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Julie MacKenzie and Bill Young, researchers.

Witnesses: From the Institut Roeher Institute: Cam Crawford, Acting Executive Director. *From the "Confédération des organismes de personnes handicapées du Québec":* Chloé Serradori, Executive Director; Mercedes Benegbi. *From the Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped:* Harry Beatty. *From the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:* Nickie Cassidy, National Social Action Volunteer; Helen Wagle, Manager, Social Action. *From the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health:* Phil Upshall, Chair. *From the Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security:* Tina Head, Senior Counsel, Legal Services Unit. *From the Human Resources Development Canada:* Paul Migus, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Programs; David Cogliati, Director General, Central Operations, Income Security Programs; Nancy Lawand, Director, CPP Program Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: Round table on disability income support.

At 3:44 p.m., the Sub-Committee proceeded to sit in public.

At 3:45 p.m., Cam Crawford, Chloé Seradori, Harry Beatty, Nickie Cassidy, Phil Upshall, Tina Head and Paul Migus made statements and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 30, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society:
Round table on family supports

WITNESSES:

"Association pour l'intégration communautaire de l'Outaouais":

Lucie Charron, President.



Canadian Association for Community Living:

Diane Richler, Executive Vice-President.

Family Link:

Jo Dickey, Board Member.

Halifax Association for Community Living:

Barb Horner, Family Support Facilitator, Family Support Program.

Hamilton Family Network:

Michael Burke-Gaffney, Board Member.

Saskatchewan Family Network:

Gloria Mahussier, Board Member.



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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 30, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met jointly with the Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities at 3:27 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Co-Chairs, Carolyn Bennett and John Godfrey, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Wendy Lill, Janko Peric and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member(s) present: Paul Crête pour Robert Lanctôt.

Other Member(s) present: Roy Bailey, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville and Alan Tonks.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Julie MacKenzie and Bill Young, researchers. *From Committees and Parliamentary Associations Directorate:* Paul Cardegna.

Witness(es): From the Canadian Association for Community Living: Diane Richler, Executive Vice-President. *From the Family Link:* Jo Dickey, Board Member. *From the Halifax Association for Community Living:* Barb Horner, Family Support Facilitator, Family Support Program. *From the Hamilton Family Network:* Michael Burke-Gaffney, Board Member. *From the Hull Association for Community Living:* Lucie Charron, Board Member. *From the Saskatchewan Family Network:* Gloria Mahussier, Board Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: Round table on family supports.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:08 P.M. the meeting was suspended.

At 5:14 P.M. the meeting was resumed.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, May 31, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

APPEARING:

Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Secretary of State (Children and Youth)

Hon. Jane Stewart, Minister of the Department of Human Resources Development

WITNESS:

Human Resources Development Canada:

Margaret Biggs, Assistant Deputy Minister, Nationally Delivered Programs Branch.





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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, May 31, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:49 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Wendy Lill and John Maloney.

Acting Member(s) present: Paul Crête for Robert Lanctôt, Keith Martin for Reed Elley.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, researcher.

Appearing: From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada: The Hon. Jane Stewart, Minister of Human Resources Development; The Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Secretary of State (Children and Youth).

Witness(es): From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada: Margaret Biggs, Assistant Deputy Minister, Nationally Delivered Programs Branch; Deborah Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society.

At 11:52 a.m., Minister Stewart and Secretary of State Blondin-Andrew each made statements and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Clerk(s) of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 11:42 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Co-Chairs, Carolyn Bennett and John Godfrey, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Robert Lanctôt and Janko Peric.

Acting Members present: Peter Adams for John Maloney, Alan Tonks for Karen Redman.

Other Members present: Roy Bailey, Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville and Diane Stacques.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Julie MacKenzie and Bill Young, researchers. *From Committees and Parliamentary Associations Directorate:* Danielle Bélisle.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3)(c) the Sub-Committee convened a joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities to study a joint draft interim report on matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled person in all sectors of Canadian Society and on the future of children and youth in Canada.

The Sub-Committees proceeded to study their joint draft interim report.

It was agreed, -- That the joint draft interim report (as amended) of the Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk and the Sub-Committee of the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities be adopted as the First Interim Report of the Sub-Committees.

It was agreed, --That the Chairs be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the report and that they decide on an appropriate title to this report.

It was agreed, - That the Chairs be authorized to present the report, Thursday, June 7th, to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 20, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped:

Harry Beatty.

Canadian Association for Community Living:

Audrey Cole;

Connie Laurin-Bowie, Director, Policy and Programs.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind:

Myriam Girard, Researcher;

Angelo Nikias, National Director, Government Relations, International Liaison.



Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator.



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Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 20, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Wendy Lill and Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Council of Canadians with Disabilities: Laurie Beachell, National Co-ordinator. *From the Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicaped:* Harry Beatty. *From the Canadian Association for Community Living:* Connie Laurin-Bowie, Director, Policy and Programs; Audrey Cole, Former Board Member, Family Member. *From the Canadian National Institute for the Blind:* Vangelis Nikias, National Director, Government Relations and International Liaison; Myriam Girard, Researcher/Writer, Government Relations and International Liaison.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: Round table on the Disability Tax Credit.

Laurie Beachell, Harry Beatty, Vangelis Nikias, Myriam Girard, Audrey Cole and Connie Laurin-Bowie made opening statements and, with the other participants proceeded to a round table discussion.

At 6:01 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Alzheimer Society of Canada:

Mary Ann Chang, Executive Director.

Canadian Mental Health Association:

Ed Pennington, Executive Director;

Wendy Steinberg, Policy and Research Associate.

Learning Disabilities Association of Canada:

Pauline Mantha, Executive Director.

Schizophrenia Society of Canada:

Len Wall, President, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario.



As Individual:

Lembi Buchanan.



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Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met in a televised session at 4:02 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Wendy Lill, Larry Spencer and Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: As Individual: Lembi Buchanan. *From the Alzheimer Society of Canada:* Mary Ann Chang. *From the Canadian Mental Health Association:* Ed Pennington; Wendy Steinberg. *From the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada:* Pauline Mantha, Executive Director. *From the Schizophrenia Society of Canada:* Len Wall, President, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: Round table on the Disability Tax Credit.

Wendy Lill moved, --That the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities undertake a study on the current operation of the Disability Tax Credit form T2201.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the Sub-Committee undertake a study on the current operation Disability Tax Credit form T2201.

Lembi Buchanan, Mary-Ann Chang, Ed Pennington, Wendy Steinberg, Pauline Mantha and Len Wall made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association:

Colin Cantlie, President;

Janice McNamara.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:

Deanna Groetzinger, Vice-President, Communications.





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Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Wendy Lill, Larry Spencer, Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association: Colin Cantlie, President; Janice McNamara. *From the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:* Deanna Groetzinger.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: Round table on the Disability Tax Credit.

Colin Cantlie and Deanna Groetzinger made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society

WITNESSES:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

Alain Jolicoeur, Deputy Commissioner;

David W. Miller, Assistant Commissioner, Assessment and Collections Branch;

Kathy Turner, Director General, Benefit Programs Directorate, Assessment and Collections Branch.





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Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Wendy Lill, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer and Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency: Alain Jolicoeur, Deputy Commissioner; Kathy Turner, Director General, Benefit Programs Directorate, Assessment and Collections Branch; David W. Miller, Assistant Commissioner, Assessment and Collections Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society: Round table on the Disability Tax Credit.

Alain Jolicoeur made an opening statement, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:17 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the Sub-Committee publicly release an open letter from the Sub-Committee to the Honourable Martin Cauchon, Minister of National Revenue.

At 4:30 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the disability tax credit

WITNESSES:

Adele Furrie Consulting:

Adele Furrie, President.

Canadian Medical Association:

Henry Haddad, Doctor, President;

Claude Renaud, Doctor, Associate Secretary General and Chief Medical Officer.

Canadian Psychiatric Association:

Blake Woodside, President Elect.

Canadian Psychological Association:

John C. Service, Executive Director.

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Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Wendy Lill, Larry Spencer, and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Robert Lanctôt for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Psychological Association: Dr. John C. Service, Psychologist, Executive Director. From the Canadian Psychiatric Association: Dr. Blake Woodside, President elect. From the Canadian Medical Association: Dr. Henry Haddad, M.D., President; Dr. Claude Renaud, Associate Secretary General & Chief Medical Officer. From Adele Furrie Consulting: Adele Furrie, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study of the current operation of the Disability Tax Credit form T2201, (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 27, 2001, Meeting no. 10).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the current operation of the Disability Tax Credit form T2201

WITNESSES:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

Tom Kissner, Manager, Disability Programs Section, Assessment and Collections Branch;

Maureen Tapp, Director, Special Programs and Partnerships, Assessment and Collections
Branch;

Kathy Turner, Director General, Benefit Programs Directorate, Assessment and Collections
Branch.



Department of Finance Canada:

Robert Dubrule, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Business, Property and Resource Income and Corporate Reorganizations, Tax Policy Branch;

Andrée Houde, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch;

Serge Nadeau, Director, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.



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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer, Tony Tirabassi.

Other Member present: Libby Davies.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency: Kathy Turner, Director general, Benefit Programs Directorate, Assessment and Collections Branch; Maureen Tapp, Director, Special Programs and Partnerships, Assessment and Collections Branch; Tom Kissner, Manager, Disability Programs Section, Assessment and Collections Branch. From the Department of Finance: Serge Nadeau, Director, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch; Robert Dubrule, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Business, Property and Resource Income and Corporate Re-organizations, Tax Policy Branch; Andrée Houde, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study of the current operation of the Disability Tax Credit form T2201, (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 27, 2001, Meeting no. 10).

The witnesses answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the letter from Colin Cantlie of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, dated January 22, 2002, tabled by the Chair, be taken as being read into the record.

At 5:12 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Wendy Lill, Anita Neville, Tony Tirabassi.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study of the current operation of the Disability Tax Credit form T2201, (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 27, 2001, Meeting no. 10).

The Sub-Committee proceeded to study its draft report on the current operation of the Disability Tax Credit form T2201.

At 5:15 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Anita Neville and Larry Spencer.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Witness: Individual, Rob Sutherland, Legislative Assistant to Wendy Lill, M.P.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study of the current operation of the Disability Tax Credit form T2201, (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 27, 2001, Meeting no. 10).

The Sub-Committee proceeded to study its draft report on the current operation of the Disability Tax Credit form T2201.

At 4:30 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 6:22 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Wendy Lill, Anita Neville, Harry Spencer, Tony Tirabassi.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study of the current operation of the Disability Tax Credit form T2201, (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 27, 2001, Meeting no. 10).

The Sub-Committee proceeded to study its draft report on the current operation of the Disability Tax Credit form T2201.

It was agreed – That the draft report on the current operation of the Disability Tax Credit form T2201 be adopted and that the Chair present it to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed – That the report be entitled '*Getting it Right for Canadians: The Disability Tax Credit.*'

It was agreed – That the researchers and clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

At 6:51 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Chairman: John Godfrey, Lib.

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Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available

WITNESSES:

Katenies Research and Management:

Rose-Alma McDonald, Consultant for the Mohawk Council of Katenies and the Assembly of First Nations.



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne:

Joanne Francis, Client Advocate.

University of Victoria:

Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social Development.

As Individual:

Wendall Nicholas.

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Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met in a joint session with the Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Co-Chairs, Carolyn Bennett, and John Godfrey, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Wendy Lill, Larry Spencer, Tony Tirabassi.

Guesting Member present: Diane St-Jacques for Anita Neville.

Members of the Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities present: John Godfrey, Monique Guay and Alan Tonks.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Julie MacKenzie and Bill Young, Research Officers.

Witnesses: As Individual: Wendall Nicholas. *From the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne:* Joanne Francis, Client Advocate. *From the Katenies Research and Management:* Dr. Rose-Alma J. McDonald, Consultant for the Mohawk Council of Katenies, and The Assembly of First Nations. *From the University of Victoria:* Michael Prince, University of Victoria Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3)(c) the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities convened a joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities to study the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available – focus children with disability

It was agreed, – That the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities hold a press conference at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 21, 2002 to promote and discuss the tabling of the report *Getting it Right for Canadians: The Disability Tax Credit*.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Wendy Lill, Anita Neville, Terry Spencer, Tony Tirabassi.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society.

The Sub-Committee discussed its future business.

It was agreed, – That the Sub-Committee begin a study on Canadian Pension Plan Disability.

It was agreed, – That the Sub-Committee hold one meeting on April 16th to discuss issues concerning international activities in the area of disability.

At 4:46 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society—Round table on issues concerning international activities in the area of disability

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association for Community Living:

Michael Bach, Vice-President;

Diane Richler, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian International Development Agency:

Robin McLay, Director, Governance and Social Policies Division;

Kirsten Mlacak, Deputy Director, Human Rights and Social Policy Branch.

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Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator;

Steve Estey, Member;

David Shannon, Member.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Adrian Norfolk, Acting Director, Multilateral Affairs, Human Rights, Humanitarian Affairs
and International Women's Equality Division.

As Individual:

Joan Westland.



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Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Wendy Lill and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Robert Lanctôt for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian International Development Agency: Robin McLay, Director, Governance and Social Policies Division; Donna Schwartzburg, Senior Program Analyst, Non-governmental Organizations Division; Kirsten Mlacak, Deputy Director, Human Rights and Social Policy Branch. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Adrian Norfolk, Acting Director, Multilateral Affairs, Human Rights, Humanitarian Affairs and International Women's Equality Division. *From the Canadian Association for Community Living:* Michael Bach, Vice President; Jean-Claude Jalbert, Board Member; Parteepan Rasaratnam, Self Advocate, Diane Richler. *From the Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator; David Shannon, Member; Steve Estey, Member. *From the As Individual:* Joan Westland.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c) Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian Society – Round table on issues concerning international activities in the area of disability, (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, April 9, 2002, Meeting no. 19*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Sub-Committee authorize the Sub-Committee staff to begin development of the enhanced Sub-Committee informational website as part of the Sub-Committee's upcoming study on issues concerning Canada Pension Plan Disability.

At 5:47 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Réal Bouchard, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy.

Department of Human Resources Development:

Nancy Lawand, Director, Canada Pension Plan Program Policy;

Paul Migus, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Programs;

Doug Taylor, Director, Disability and Reconsiderations Division.





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Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral and Anita Neville.

Acting Member present: Werner Schmidt for Reed Elley.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Human Resources Development: Paul Migus, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Programs; Doug Taylor, Director, Disability and Reconsiderations Division; Nancy Lawand, Director, CPP Program Policy. *From the Department of Finance:* Réal Bouchard, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-committee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday April 9, 2002, Meeting no. 19).

Paul Migus made an opening statement and with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:48 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth Kingston
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESSES:

Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals, Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security:

Guy Arseneault, Deputy Commissioner;

Tina Head, Senior Counsel, Legal Services Unit;

Pat Iannitti, Director, Tribunal Operations;

Chantal Proulx, Legal Counsel, Legal Services;

Peter Smith, Commissioner.





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Meeting No. 22

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The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Wendy Lill, Anita Neville.

Acting Member present: Werner Schmidt for Reed Elley.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security: G. Peter Smith, Commissioner, Review Tribunals CPP / OAS; Guy Arseneault, Deputy Commissioner, Review Tribunals CPP / OAS; Tina Head, Senior Counsel, Legal Services; Chantal Proulx, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; Pat Iannitti, Director, Tribunal Operations; Émile Bergeron, Officer, Professional Development and Information Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-committee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday April 9, 2002, Meeting no. 19).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Philippe Méla
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, May 21 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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WITNESSES:

Advocacy Research Centre for the Handicapped:

Harry Beatty, Director of Policy and Research.

Caledon Institute of Social Policy:

Sherri Torjman, Vice-President.

Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists:

Donna Klaiman, Director of Professional Development and Education.

Canadian Association of Physicians with Disabilities:

Ashok Muzumdar, Doctor, President.



Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals:

Linda Simpson, Representative.

Canadian Injured Workers Alliance:

Vincent Boyce;

Dave MacKenzie.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Bob Baldwin, National Director, Social and Economic Policy.

Canadian Mental Health Association:

Wendy Steinberg, Policy Analyst.

Canadian Paraplegic Association:

François Bélisle, Chief Executive Officer;

Neil Pierce, Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Division.

Canadian Psychiatric Association:

Francine Knoops, Director, Professional Affairs.

Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation:

Stephanie Nixon, Representative;

Gerard Yetman, Representative, Director; National Programs, Canadian AIDS Society;

Elisse Zack, Representative.

Centennial Flame Research Award:

Marg Ruttan, Recipient.

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator.

Human Resources Development Canada:

Nancy Lawand, Director, Canada Pension Plan Program Policy;

Susan Williams, Director General, Disability Benefits and Appeals.

Mood Disorders Society of Canada:

William P. Ashdown, Vice-President

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:

Deanna Groetzinger.

National Institute of Disability Management and Research:

Wolfgang Zimmerman, Representative.

Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security:

Tina Head, Senior Counsel, Legal Services;

G. Peter Smith, Commissioner.

Roeher Institute:

Cam Crawford, President.

As Individuals:

George Cameron;

Sue Lott;

Peggy Proctor;

Alison Schmidt;

David Walker.



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Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 9:30 a.m. this day, in Room 200, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Reed Elley, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Wendy Lill, Anita Neville.

Acting Members present: Larry Spencer for Reed Elley, and Paul Crête for Madeleine Dahphone-Guiral.

Other Members present: Monte Solberg.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Human Resources Development: Susan Williams, Director General, Disability Benefits and Appeals. *From the Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security:* G. Peter Smith, Commissioner, Review Tribunals CPP / OAS; Tina Head, Senior Counsel, Legal Services. *From the Advocacy Research Centre for the Handicaped:* Harry Beatty. *From the Caledon Institute of Social Policy:* Sherri Torjman, Vice-President. *From the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists:* Donna Klaiman, Director of Professional Development and Education. *From the Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals:* Linda Simpson, Representative. *From the Canadian Labour Congress:* Bob Baldwin, National Director, Social and Economic Policy. *From the Canadian Mental Health Association:* Wendy Steinberg, Policy Analyst. *From the Canadian Paraplegic Association:* François Bélisle, Chief Executive Officer; Neil Pierce, Chief Executive Officer of CPA - Alberta Division. *From the Canadian Psychiatric Association:* Francine Knoops, Director, Professional Affairs. *From the Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation:* Stephanie Nixon, Representative; Gerard Yetman, Representative; Elisse Zack, Representative. *From the Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator. *From the Institut Roehrer Institute:* Cam Crawford, President. *From the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:* Deanna Groetzinger. *From the National Institute of Disability Management and Research:* Wolfgang Zimmerman, Representative. *As Individual:* George Cameron; Alison Schmidt; Peggy Proctor; Sue Lott, Lawyer. *From the Canadian Association of Physicians with Disabilities:* Dr. Ashok Muzumdar, President. *From the Canadian Injured Workers Alliance:* Dave MacKenzie; Vincent Boyce. *From the Mood Disorders Society of Canada:* William P. Ashdown, Vice-President. *As Individual:* David Walker, *From the Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Mary Ennis, and the *Centennial Flame Winner:* Marg Ruttan and her husband Fred Ruttan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-committee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday April 9, 2002, Meeting no. 19).

The Sub-Committee proceeded to a round table discussion on Canada Pension Plan Disability.

At 12:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:55 p.m., Marg Ruttan, winner of the Centennial Flame Research Award and Report for 2001 made a presentation.

At 2:20 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson
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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, May 28 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESSES:

Human Resources Development Canada:

Georges Grujic, Director, Programs;

Pauline Myre, Director, Policy and Research;

Deborah Tunis, Director General, Office for Disability Issues.





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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Wendy Lill, Anita Neville, Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Human Resources Development: Deborah Tunis, Director General, Office for Disability Issues; Pauline Myre, Director, Policy and Research; Georges Grujic, Director, Programs; Jane Clinckett, Special Advisor, Office of Disability Issues; Vangelis Nikias, Special Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Sub-committee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday April 9, 2002, Meeting no. 19).

The Witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 4:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:56 p.m., by unanimous consent, the Sub-Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, -That the Sub-Committee issue a media release to advertise the yearly Centennial Flame Research Award and Report.

It was agreed, - That the deadline for the acceptance of submissions for the Centennial Flame Research Award and Report be postponed until October 1st, 2002.

It was agreed, -That Mr. Vernon Short be selected as the winner of the 2002 Centennial Flame Research Award and Report.

It was agreed, – That the Sub-Committee issue a media release to advertise the launch of the new informational website about the Sub-Committee's study on Canada Pension Plan Disability.

At 5:18 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

The Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Anita Neville, Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Larry Spencer for Reed Elley, Alan Tonks for Raymonde Folco.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Sub-committee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday April 9, 2002, Meeting no. 19).

It was agreed, -That the Sub-Committee hold a press conference to advertise the launch of the Sub-Committee's Canada Pension Plan Disability informational website.

It was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee write to the Hon. Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Susan Whelan, Minister of International Cooperation, and the Hon. Denis Coderre, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, to communicate some considerations following a roundtable on disability and international issues on 16 April.

At 3:45 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson
Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, November 20, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair

Future business

WITNESS:

Systemscope Information and Technology Partnerships:

Joseph Peters, Director.





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Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, November 20, 2002

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 5:34 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Subcommittee present: Mauril Bélanger, Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, Wendy Lill, Anita Neville and Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Members present: Claude Duplain for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Larry Spencer for Reed Elley, and Suzanne Tremblay for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: William Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Also in attendance: From Committees Directorate: Jean-François Pagé, Clerk.

Witnesses: From Systemscope: Joe Peters, Director, Electronic Service Delivery.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106 (1) and (2), Election of a Chair.

The Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

Anita Neville moved, – That Carolyn Bennett be elected as Chair of the Subcommittee.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, Carolyn Benentt was declared duly elected Chair of the Subcommittee and took the Chair.

By unanimous consent, the Subcommittee proceeded to discuss its future business.

Joe Peters made a statement and answered questions.

Anita Neville moved, – That the operational budget of the Subcommittee in the amount of \$134,300.00 for the period November, 2002 – March 31, 2003 be approved.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral moved, – That the Subcommittee instruct the Research Officers to prepare a communiqué to express the Subcommittee's sentiments in regards to the unanimous vote in the House on the motion of Ms. McDonough (Halifax), seconded by Mr. Godin (Acadie—Bathurst), — That this House call upon the government to develop a comprehensive program to level the playing field for Canadians with disabilities, by acting on the unanimous recommendations of the committee report

“Getting It Right for Canadians: the Disability Tax Credit”; in particular the recommendations calling for changes to the eligibility requirements of the Disability Tax Credit so that they will incorporate in a more humane and compassionate manner the real life circumstances of persons with disabilities, and withdraw the proposed changes to the Disability Tax Credit, released on August 30th, 2002.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Tony Tirabassi moved, – That the Subcommittee begin a study on Canadian Pension Plan Disability.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

It was agreed, – That whenever possible, the Subcommittee endeavour to meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

At 6:12 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Carolyn Bennett and Wendy Lill.

Acting Members present: Robert Lanctôt for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Larry Spencer for Reed Elley.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Researchers.

Witnesses: From Systemscope: Joe Peters, Director, Electronic Service Delivery.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

Joe Peters made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Meeting with a delegation from Mexico

WITNESSES:

Department for the Integration of the Family:

Beatriz Borges, Coordinator of technical and vocational evaluation and training.

Employment Programs for Persons with Different Abilities, FEMSA:

Zintia Almaguer Salazar, Coordinator.

Mexican Ministry of Finance:

Francisco Eloy Gonzalez, Assistant to the executive secretary of Finance.

Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

Martha Laura Brambilia Fausto, Advisor;

Jessica Baños Poo (Senior Advisor, Gender and Disability Issues.

National Commission on Human Rights:

Aleksi Asatashvili, Director General, International Relations.

President's Committee on the Integration of People with Disabilities:

María Eugenia Antunez Farrugia, Director.



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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 4:15 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, Tony Tirabassi, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Reed Elley, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Wendy Lill, Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Julie Cool, researchers.

Delegation: From the National Commission on Human Rights: Aleksis Asatashvili, Director General, International Relations. *From the Employment Programs for Persons with Different Abilities, FEMSA:* Zintia Almaguer Salazar, Coordinator. *From the President's Committee on the Integration of People with Disabilities:* Maria Eugenia Antunz Farrugia, Director. *From the Department for the Integration of the Family:* Beatriz Borges, Coordinator of technical and vocational evaluation and training. *From the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs:* Martha Brambila, Advisor; Jessica Banos, Advisor. *From the Mexican Ministry of Finance:* Eloy Gonzalez, Assistant to the executive secretary of Finance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to meet with a delegation from Mexico.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Carolyn Bennett, Norman Doyle and Reed Elley.

Acting Member present: Marcel Gagnon for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, Kevin Kerr and Peter Niemczak, researchers.

Witness: From Systemscope: Joe Peters, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c), Study on Canada Pension Plan Disability.

Joe Peters made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:00 p.m., the Subcommittee proceeded to discuss its future business.

At 4:40 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESSES:

Caledon Institute of Social Policy:

Michael Mendelson, Policy Analyst;

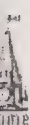
Sherri Torjman, Vice-President.

University of Victoria:

Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social
Development.

As Individual:

Sally Kimpson.



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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral and Reed Elley.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, Researchers.

Witnesses: From the Caledon Institute of Social Policy: Sherri Torjman, Vice-President; Michael Mendelson, Policy Analyst. *From the University of Victoria:* Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social Development. *As Individual:* Sally A. Kimpson.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:37 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESSES:

Canada Pension Plan (Disability) Working Group:

Harry Beatty.

Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres:

Traci Walters, National Director;

John Young, Managing Director, Independent Living Resource Centre (Winnipeg).

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator;

Mary Ennis, Vice-President.

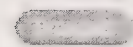
Environics Research Group Ltd:

Chris Baker, Vice-President.

Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals (Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security):

Guy Arseneault, Deputy Commissioner;

Pat Iannitti, Director, Tribunal Operations and Communications.



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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met in a televised session at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Carolyn Bennett, Reed Elley, and Wendy Lill.

Acting Member present: Jocelyne Girard-Bujold for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, researchers.

Witnesses: From the Council of Canadians with Disabilities: Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator; Mary Ennis, Vice-President. *From the Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres:* Traci Walters, National Director; John Young, Director, Independent Living Resource Centre (Winnipeg). *From the Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security:* Guy Arseneault, Deputy Commissioner, Review Tribunals CPP / OAS; Tina Head, Senior Counsel, Legal Services; Pat Iannitti, Director, Tribunal Operations. *From the Environics Research Group Ltd:* Chris Baker, Vice-President. *From the Canada Pension Plan Working Group of Ontario:* Harry Beatty.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:37 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, February 20, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESSES:

Canadian AIDS Society:

Ainsley Chapman, Program Consultant;

Paul Lapierre, Executive Director.

Canadian Mental Health Association:

Elisabeth Ostiguy, Director of Public Issues.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:

Deanna Groetzinger, Vice-President, Communications.



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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, February 20, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, Wendy Lill, Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Peter Goldring for Reed Elley.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Bill Young and Kevin Kerr, researchers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian AIDS Society: Paul Lapierre, Executive Director; Ainsley Chapman, Program Consultant. *From the Canadian Mental Health Association:* Elisabeth Ostiguy, Director, Public Issues. *From the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:* Deanna Groetzinger, Vice-President, Communications.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:37 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:40 a.m., by unanimous consent, the Subcommittee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Subcommittee proceeded to discuss its future business.

At 11:25 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Physicians with Disabilities:

Dr. Ashok Muzumdar, President.

Canadian Medical Association:

Dr. Dana Hanson, President.

Canadian Psychiatric Association:

Dr. Blake Woodside, President elect.

Elizabeth Bruyère Health Centre:

Dr. Hillel Finestone, Physiatrist.



Occupational and Environmental Medical Association of Canada:

Lily Cheung, Past President.

Round Table Project on Safe and Timely Return to Function and Return to Work:

Dr. Lisa Doupe, Co-Leader.

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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:23 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Member of the Subcommittee present: Carolyn Bennett.

Attending Members present: Gérard Binet for Anita Neville, Diane St. Jacques for Tony Tirabassi, Larry Spencer for Ted Elley.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Kevin Kerr, Julie Cool, researchers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Medical Association: Dr. Dana Hanson, President; William Tholl, Secretary General and CEO. From the Canadian Association of Physicians with Disabilities: Dr. Ashok Muzumdar, President. From the Canadian Psychiatric Association: Dr. Blake Woodside, President elect. From the Round Table Project on Safe and Timely Return to Function and Return to Work: Dr. Lisa Doupe, Co-Leader. From the Occupational and Environmental Medical Association of Canada: Dr. Lily Cheung, Past President. From the Elizabeth Bruyère Health Centre: Dr. Hillel Finestone, Psychiatrist; Dr. Milan Unarket, Psychiatrist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:45 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Carolyn Bennett, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESSES:

Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security (CPP)/OAS:

Guy Arseneault, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals,
Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security;

Bernie Clayman, Senior Advisor, Regulation and Legislation;

Cheryl Forchuk, Chair, Core Policies;

Anna Mallin, Chair, Regulation and Legislation;

G. Peter Smith, Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals, Canada
Pension Plan/Old Age Security;

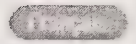
Lyle Smordin, Chair, CPP/Disability Insurance;

Chris Spiteri, Senior Advisor, CPP/Disability Insurance.

As Individual:

David Baker, Lawyer,

Allison Schmidt



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Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, April 1st, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle.

Acting Members present: Diane St-Jacques for Tony Tirabassi, Judi Longfield for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gurbax Malhi for Anita Neville, Maria Minna for Mauril Bélanger, Rob Merrifield for Reed Elley.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Kevin Kerr, Bill Young, researchers.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security (CPP)/OAS): G. Peter Smith, Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals (Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security); Guy Arseneault, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals (Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security); Bernie Clayman, Senior Advisor, Regulation and Legislation; Cheryl Forchuk, Chair, Core Policies; Anna Mallin, Chair, Regulation and Legislation; Lyle Smordin, Chair, CPP/Disability Insurance; Chris Spiteri, Senior Advisor, CPP/Disability Insurance. *From the As Individual:* Allison Schmidt; David Baker, Lawyer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Maria Minna, it was agreed, – That the proposed budget in the amount of \$29,300 be adopted.

At 11:55 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESS:

"Université de Sherbrooke":

Patrick Loisel, Doctor; Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Longueuil Campus.





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Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Carolyn Bennett, Reed Elley, Wendy Lill.

Acting Member present: Pauline Picard for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Committees Directorate:: Rémi Bourgault, Committee Clerk. *From the Library of Parliament:* Bill Young, researcher.

Witness: From the "Université de Sherbrooke": Dr. Patrick Loisel, Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Longueuil Campus.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:10 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council for the Rights of Injured Workers:

Maria York, President.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce:

David Brown , doctor and Medical Director;

Lynne Gutteridge, Manager, Health Services;

Gretchen Van Riesen, Vice-President, Pension and Benefits.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Bob Baldwin, National Director, Social and Economic Policy;

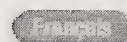
Marie Clarke Walker, Executive Vice-President.

New Brunswick Premiers' Council on the Status of Disabled Persons:

Randy Dickinson, Executive Director.

As Individual:

Michael Schweigert, docteur.



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Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Reed Elley, Wendy Lill, Tony Tirabassi.

Acting Member present: Brian Masse for Wendy Lill.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Bill Young, researcher.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce: Gretchen Van Riesen, Vice-President, Pension and Benefits; Dr. David Brown, Medical Director; Lynne Gutteridge, Manager, Health Services (by videoconference from Toronto, Ontario). *As Individual:* Dr. Michael Schweigert. *From the Canadian Labour Congress:* Bob Baldwin, National Director, Social and Economic Policy; Marie Clarke Walker, Executive Vice-President. *From the Canadian Council for the Rights of Injured Workers:* Maria York, President; Stéphane Paquin. *From the New Brunswick Premiers' Council on the Status of Disabled Persons:* Randy Dickinson, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

Gretchen Van Riesen, Lynne Gutteridge and Dr. David Brown made statements and answered questions.

Dr. Michael Schweigert made a statement.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:06 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Marie Clarke Walker, Bob Baldwin, Maria York and Randy Dickinson made statements and, with Dr. Michael Schweigert, answered questions.

At 11:11 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Rémi Bourgault

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESSES:

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc:

Mark Daniels, President;

Irene Klatt, Director, Health Insurance Policy;

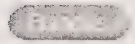
Greg Traversy, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, Policy Development.

Workers' Advisers:

Blake Williams, Director.

As Individual:

Sue Lott, Lawyer.



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Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral,

Acting Member: S. Bulte for Anita Neville.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: William Young and Kevin Kerr, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.: Mark R. Daniels, President; Greg Traversy, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, Policy Development; Irene Klatt, Director, Health Insurance Policy. *As Individual:* Sue Lott, Lawyer. *From the Workers' Advisers:* Blake Williams, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(c), Study on Canada Pension Plan Disability.

M.R. Daniels, Sue Lott and Blake Williams made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Rémi Bourgault
Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Canada Pension Plan Disability

WITNESSES:

B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities:

Elizabeth Davis, Senior CPP Advocate.

Department of Finance:

Réal Bouchard, Director, Social Policy, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;

Susan Kalinowski, Senior Policy Analyst, Income Security, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;

Anthony Pizarro, Policy Analyst, Income Security and Social Policy, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch.

Department of Human Resources Development:

Nancy Lawand, Director, Canada Pension Plan Program Policy;

Susan Scotti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Programs;

Susan Williams, Director General, Disability Benefits and Appeals, Income Security Programs.

As Individuals:

Marjorie Edwards, Retired nurse;

Michael David, French;

Michelle Kristinson;

Roy Muise;

Ellie Stein;

Walter Nash;

John Wodak.

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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, Reed Elley, Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: William Young, Kevin Kerr and Megan Furi, Research Officers..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

The Subcommittee proceeded to study its draft report on the Canada Pension Plan Disability.

It was agreed,—That the Subcommittee meet jointly with the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade during the week of June 16, 2003 to discuss the status of persons with disabilities and human rights issues in other countries.

At 10:50 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

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Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, Reed Elley.

Acting Member present: Roger Gallaway for Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: William Young, Kevin Kerr and Megan Furi, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

The Subcommittee proceeded to study its draft report on the Canada Pension Plan Disability.

It was agreed—That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the First Report of the Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed— That the Chair be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed— That the Chair be authorized to present the Report to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed— That the report be entitled “LISTENING TO CANADIANS: A VIEW OF THE FUTURE OF THE CANADA PENSION PLAN (DISABILITY) PROGRAM”

At 4:53 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Rémi Bourgault
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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the recipient report

WITNESS:

2002 Centennial Flame Research Award:

Vernon Short, Recipient.





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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 9:37 a.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Reed Elley.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Julie Cool, Research Officer.

Witness: Vernon Short, Recipient, 2002 Centennial Flame Research Award.

Pursuant the Standing Order 108(3)(d) and the Centennial Flame Research Award Act 7(4), the Sub-Committee undertook a review of the recipient report.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:42 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:45 a.m. the sitting resumed.

At 10:41 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Rémi Bourgault
Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Tuesday, June 3, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, Reed Elley, Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: William Young, Kevin Kerr and Megan Furi, Research Officers..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

The Subcommittee proceeded to study its draft report on the Canada Pension Plan Disability.

It was agreed,—That the Subcommittee meet jointly with the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade during the week of June 16, 2003 to discuss the status of persons with disabilities and human rights issues in other countries.

At 10:50 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Rémi Bourgault
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Wednesday, June 4, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, Reed Elley.

Acting Member present: Roger Gallaway for Tony Tirabassi.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: William Young, Kevin Kerr and Megan Furi, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada Pension Plan Disability. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday November 20, 2002, Meeting no. 1).

The Subcommittee proceeded to study its draft report on the Canada Pension Plan Disability.

It was agreed—That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the First Report of the Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed— That the Chair be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed— That the Chair be authorized to present the Report to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed— That the report be entitled “LISTENING TO CANADIANS: A VIEW OF THE FUTURE OF THE CANADA PENSION PLAN (DISABILITY) PROGRAM”

At 4:53 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Rémi Bourgault
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair

Study of matters related to Subcommittee business





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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 306 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Subcommittee present: Eugène Bellemare, Carolyn Bennett, Norman Doyle, Reed Elley, Nancy Karetak-Lindell and Anita Neville.

Acting Members present: Yolande Thibeault for Tony Tirabassi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, Analyst. *House of Commons:* William Farrell, Committee Clerk.

The Committee Clerk presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That Carolyn Bennett be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

Carolyn Bennett took the Chair.

The Subcommittee proceeded the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That a letter requesting a joint meeting be sent to the Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade on November 5, 2003 to discuss the status of persons with disabilities and human rights issues in other countries.

At 11:13 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Committee Clerk

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Chair: Carolyn Bennett, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian society --
Round table on issues concerning international activities in the area of disability

WITNESSES:

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Steve Estey, Chair;

David Shannon, Member.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Susan Gregson, Director, Human Rights.

Department of Human Resources Development:

Pauline Myre, Director, Policy and Research.

Inclusion International:

Diane Richler, President.

As Individuals:

Lee Ann Bassar, Adjunct Professor, University of York; Senior Lecturer, La Trobe University, Melbourne;

Joan Westland.



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Meeting No. 18

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Reed Elley, Nancy Karetak-Andell and Wendy Lill.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: William Young, Acting Director. House of Commons: Elizabeth B. Kingston, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Council of Canadians with Disabilities: Steve Estey, Chair; David Shannon, Member. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Susan Gregson, Director, Human Rights; Rebecca Netley, Legal Officer. Department of Human Resources Development: Pauline Myre, Director, Policy and Research. Inclusion International: Liane Richler, President. Department of Justice: Laurie Sargent, Legal Counsel. *As Individual:* Joan Westland; Lee Ann Bassar, Adjunct Professor, University of York; Senior Lecturer, La Trobe University, Melbourne.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(d), the Committee resumed its study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled persons in all sectors of Canadian society -- Round table on issues concerning international activities in the area of disability, (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, October 28, 2003, Meeting no. 17).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

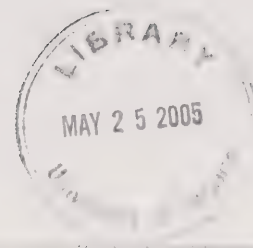
At 5:00 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Rémi Bourgault
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Ruby Dhalla,
Peter Julian,
Carol Skelton
and Robert Vincent.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Chantal Collin, Analyst.

Miriam Burke
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:22 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Ruby Dhalla, Peter Julian, Carol Skelton and Robert Vincent.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Chantal Collin, Analyst.

The Clerk presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Carol Skelton, it was agreed, — That Ken Boshcoff be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

Ken Boshcoff took the Chair.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That a meeting be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 to receive a briefing from the Office of Disabilities Issues.

It was agreed, — That a meeting be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 to discuss the future business of the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That, whenever possible, the Subcommittee meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m..

At 3:35 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Committee Clerk

2004/12/06 11:17 a.m.

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Disability Issues.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Peter Julian,
Carol Skelton
and Robert Vincent.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Chantal Collin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Social Development:

Georges Grujic, Director, Programs;
Nancy Lawand, Director, CPP Disability Policy;
Cecilia Muir, Director General, Office for Disability Issues;
Susan Scotti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security
Programs;
Susan Williams, Director General, Disability Benefits and
Appeals.

Jeremy LeBlanc
Committee Clerk



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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Peter Julian, Carol Skelton and Robert Vincent.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Chantal Collin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Social Development: Georges Grujic, Director, Programs; Nancy Lawand, Director, CPP Disability Policy; Cecilia Muir, Director General, Office for Disability Issues; Susan Scotti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Programs; Susan Williams, Director General, Disability Benefits and Appeals.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on disability issues.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the briefing session on disability issues be postponed until Wednesday, December 15, 2004.

At 3:58 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:00 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the amount for the 2005 Centennial Flame Research Award be set at \$4,000.

It was agreed, — That the press release announcing the 2005 Centennial Flame Research Award be published in January 2005.

It was agreed, — That the deadline for submitting applications be in April 2005 and that the decision be finalized in June 2005.

It was agreed, — That Carol Skelton be elected as Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

At 4:23 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc
Committee Clerk

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff. Lib

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Disability Issues.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Peter Julian
and Carol Skelton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean-Claude D'Amours for Ruby Dhalla,
and Nicole Demers for Robert Vincent.



IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Chantal Collin, Analyst;
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Social Development:

Susan Scotti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Programs;
Susan Williams, Director General, Disability Benefits and Appeals;
Nancy Lawand, Director, CPP Disability Policy;
Cecilia Muir, Director General, Office for Disability Issues;
Georges Grujic, Director, Programs.

Susan Scotti made a statement and, with Georges Gruji, Cecilia Muir, Susan Williams, and Nancy Lawand, answered questions.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Peter Julian and Carol Skelton.

Acting Members present: Jean-Claude D'Amours for Ruby Dhalla and Nicole Demers for Robert Vincent.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Chantal Collin, Analyst; Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Social Development: Susan Scotti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security Programs; Susan Williams, Director General, Disability Benefits and Appeals; Nancy Lawand, Director, CPP Disability Policy; Cecilia Muir, Director General, Office for Disability Issues; Georges Grujic, Director, Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Disability Issues.

Susan Scotti made a statement and, with Georges Gruji, Cecilia Muir, Susan Williams, and Nancy Lawand, answered questions.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:10 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee invite the co-chairs of the Technical Advisory Committee to appear to discuss their recommendations on February 9, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee invite the Ministers of Finance and National Revenue to appear to discuss the findings of the Technical Advisory Committee on February 16, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee invite the Minister of Public Works and Government Services and the President of the Treasury Board Secretariat to appear on February 23, 2005, to discuss accessibility standards and policies for the disabled.

At 5:25 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke

Clerk of the Subcommittee

2005-02-03 4:05 p.m.

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 2, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of the tax measures for persons with disabilities.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Peter Julian,
Carol Skelton
and Robert Vincent.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Powers for Ruby Dhalla.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Chantal Collin, Analyst.

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Technical Advisory Committee on Tax Measures for Persons with Disabilities:

Robert D. Brown, Co-Chair;

Sherri Torjman, Co-Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee



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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Peter Julian, Carol Skelton and Robert Vincent.

Acting Members present: Russ Powers for Ruby Dhalla.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, Analyst. *Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Witnesses: Technical Advisory Committee on Tax Measures for Persons with Disabilities: Robert D. Brown, Co-Chair; Sherri Torjman, Co-Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 2, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of the tax measures for persons with disabilities.

Robert Brown and Sherri Torjman made statements and answered questions.

At 4:56 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:58 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee endorse the report on the disability tax fairness as an important first step for this Committee in addressing tax issues for disabled Canadians and recommends to the Finance Minister that the recommendations be implemented .

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses: the Speaker and the Clerk of the Senate and the House of Commons be invited to appear regarding issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Parliamentary Precinct.

At 5:21 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Parliamentary Precinct

The Subcommittee proceeded, in camera, to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff
Carol Skelton
Robert Vincent

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Yvon Godin for Peter Julian

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Chantal Collin, Analyst;
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

William Corbett, Clerk;

Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk Assistant, House Proceedings;

Benoit Giroux, Manager, Corporate Services, Health, Safety and Environment;

Claude Charbonneau, Major Projects Coordinator, Parliamentary Precinct Services, Long-Term Architectural Planning Office;

Elaine Diguier, Director, Multimedia Services & ISD Business Planning;

Steven John Fletcher, Member, Charleswood—St. James—Assiniboia.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Carol Skelton and Robert Vincent.

Acting Members present: Yvon Godin for Peter Julian.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, Analyst; Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk; Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk Assistant, House Proceedings; Benoit Giroux, Manager, Corporate Services, Health, Safety and Environment; Claude Charbonneau, Major Projects Coordinator, Parliamentary Precinct Services, Long-Term Architectural Planning Office; Elaine Diguer, Director, Multimedia Services & ISD Business Planning; Steven John Fletcher, Charleswood—St. James—Assiniboia.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Parliamentary Precinct.

William Corbett made a statement and, with Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Benoit Giroux, Claude Charbonneau and Elaine Diguer, answered questions.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Steven Fletcher made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:22 p.m., the Subcommittee resumed sitting in camera.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

At 5:34 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2005-02-21 3:29 p.m.

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Federal Public Service.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Peter Julian,
Carol Skelton
and Robert Vincent.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Susan Kadis for Ruby Dhalla.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Chantal Collin, Analyst.
Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

Sue Hum-Hartley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Branch;
Serge Prud'homme, Director, Parliament Precinct, Real Property Branch;
Ursula Ruppert, Director General, Real Property National Capital Area, Real Property Branch;
George Ens, Accessibility Coordinator, Real Property Branch;
Linda Gaucher, Director General, Official Languages, Staffing, Employment Equity and Learning;
Dave Thompson, Director, Canada On-Line Services.

Disabled and Proud Organization:

Charles Matthews, Editor.

Susan Hum-Hartley made a statement and, with Dave Thompson, Linda Gaucher, Georges Ens, Ursula Ruppert and Serge Prud'homme, answered questions.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Peter Julian, Carol Skelton and Robert Vincent.

Acting Members present: Susan Kadis for Ruby Dhalla.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, Analyst. *Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Public Works and Government Services: Sue Hum-Hartley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Branch; Serge Prud'homme, Director, Parliament Precinct, Real Property Branch; Ursula Ruppert, Director General, Real Property National Capital Area, Real Property Branch; George Ens, Accessibility Coordinator, Real Property Branch; Linda Gaucher, Director General, Official Languages, Staffing, Employment Equity and Learning; Dave Thompson, Director, Canada On-Line Services. *Disabled and Proud Organization:* Charles Matthews, Editor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Federal Public Service.

Susan Hum-Hartley made a statement and, with Dave Thompson, Linda Gaucher, Georges Ens, Ursula Ruppert and Serge Prud'homme, answered questions.

At 5:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:09 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Charles Matthews made a statement.

At 5:21 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Federal Public Service.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff
Ruby Dhalla
Peter Julian
Carol Skelton
Robert Vincent.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Chantal Collin, Analyst;
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board.

WITNESSES:

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Wally Boxhill, Director, Employment Equity Division;

Blair James, Executive Director, Real Property and Material Policy Directorate;

Brian J. Biggar, Manager, Corporate Identity and Communications Policy, Strategic Policy and Communications.

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

Serge Prud'homme, Acting Director, Parliament Precinct, Real Property Branch.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee



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Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 7:06 p.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Ruby Dhalla, Peter Julian, Carol Skelton and Robert Vincent.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, Analyst; Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board.

Witnesses: Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Wally Boxhill, Director, Employment Equity Division; Blair James, Executive Director, Real Property and Material Policy Directorate; Brian J. Biggar, Manager, Corporate Identity and Communications Policy, Strategic Policy and Communications. *Department of Public Works and Government Services:* Serge Prud'homme, Acting Director, Parliament Precinct, Real Property Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Federal Public Service.

The Minister made a statement and, with Wally Boxhill, Brian Biggar, Blair James and Serge Prud'homme, answered questions.

At 8:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 8:18 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee meet with members of the Committee for the Attention of Vulnerable Groups of the Mexican Chamber of Deputies.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write a letter to the Department of Public Works and Government Services and to the Clerk of the House requesting information regarding the policies on fire drills and emergency plans within the parliamentary precinct and federal buildings.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a draft budget respecting the Subcommittee's proposed travel around the National Capital Region for site visits to Federal Government buildings in relation to the Subcommittee's study on accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Federal Public Service for consideration of the Subcommittee on April 6, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee invite the Ministers or their representatives from the following departments and agencies to appear: Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Social Development,

Transport, Canadian Transportation Agency and the Senate.

At 8:54 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

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Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:57 p.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Peter Julian, Carol Skelton and Robert Vincent.

Guest Members present: Susan Kadis for Ruby Dhalla.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, Analyst; Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee continue to meet at 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays when the House is sitting, unless otherwise agreed to by the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, the Subcommittee meet at 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the request of the Minister of Social Development.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee invite representatives from the Companion Stickers Program to appear on Wednesday, May 18, 2005.

At 4:28 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2005-04-20 8:01 a.m.

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Federal Public Service.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Carol Skelton
and Robert Vincent.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

WITNESS:

Department of Social Development:
Anne MacRae, Senior Program Officer, Office for Disability
Issues.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 4:21 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Carol Skelton and Robert Vincent.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Federal Public Service.

At 4:29 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2005-04-20 8:00 a.m.

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Disability Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Ruby Dhalla,
Peter Julian,
Carol Skelton
and Robert Vincent.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Ken Dryden, Minister of Social Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Social Development:

Susan Scotti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Development
Sectors;

Susan Williams, Director General, Disability Benefits and
Appeals;

Ross MacLeod, Director General, Operating and Processing
Directorate;

Donna Achimov, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Service
Delivery;

Georges Grujic, Director, Programs.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee



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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 7:00 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Ruby Dhalla, Peter Julian, Carol Skelton and Robert Vincent.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Ken Dryden, Minister of Social Development.

Witnesses: Department of Social Development: Susan Scotti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Development Sectors; Susan Williams, Director General, Disability Benefits and Appeals; Ross MacLeod, Director General, Operating and Processing Directorate; Donna Achimov, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Service Delivery; Georges Grujic, Director, Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Disability Issues.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 8:26 p.m. Carol Skelton took the Chair.

At 8:32 p.m. the Chair took the Chair.

At 8:59 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2005/04/21 4:53 p.m.

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Federal Public Service.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Ruby Dhalla,
Peter Julian
and Robert Vincent.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helena Guergis for Carol Skelton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Transport:

Arlene Turner, Director General, International and Intergovernmental Relations;
Helena Borges, Executive Director, Rail Policy;
Walter Carlson, Director, Equipment and Operations;
Barbara Nelson, Chief, Accessible Transportation, Intergovernmental Affairs & Accessibility;
Susan Greene, Chief, Cabin Safety Standards;
William E. Hunter, Manager, Railway Operations, Equipment and Operations.

Canadian Transportation Agency:

Marian Robson, Chairperson and CEO;
Gavin Currie, Director General, Air and Accessible Transportation Branch;
Mary-Jane Gravelle, Acting Director, Air and Accessible Transportation Branch.

Arlene Turner made a statement and, with Helena Borges and Barbara Nelson, answered questions.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee



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Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Ruby Dhalla, Peter Julian and Robert Vincent.

Acting Members present: Helena Guergis for Carol Skelton.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Transport: Arlene Turner, Director General, International and Intergovernmental Relations; Helena Borges, Executive Director, Rail Policy; Walter Carlson, Director, Equipment and Operations; Barbara Nelson, Chief, Accessible Transportation, Intergovernmental Affairs & Accessibility; Susan Greene, Chief, Cabin Safety Standards; William E. Hunter, Manager, Railway Operations, Equipment and Operations. *Canadian Transportation Agency:* Marian Robson, Chairperson and CEO; Gavin Currie, Director General, Air and Accessible Transportation Branch; Mary-Jane Gravelle, Acting Director, Air and Accessible Transportation Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Federal Public Service.

Arlene Turner made a statement and, with Helena Borges and Barbara Nelson, answered questions.

Marian Robson made a statement.

At 4:46 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on Access 2 Entertainment Program.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Carol Skelton
and Robert Vincent.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:

Leesa Kopansky, Representative.

Canadian Paraplegic Association:

Linda McGreevy, Director, Fund Development.

Easter Seals/March of Dimes National Council:

Vanessa Pfaff, Director, Programming.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee



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Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Carol Skelton and Robert Vincent.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Witnesses: Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada: Leesa Kopansky, Representative. *Canadian Paraplegic Association:* Linda McGreevy, Director, Fund Development. *Easter Seals/March of Dimes National Council:* Vanessa Pfaff, Director, Programming.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Access 2 Entertainment Program.

Vanessa Pfaff made a statement and answered questions.

Linda McGreevy made a statement and answered questions.

Leesa Kopansky made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:20 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That Audrey King be awarded the 2005 Centennial Flame Research Award.

It was agreed, — That, upon completion of her research project, Audrey King be invited by the Subcommittee to receive her award and that the Subcommittee host a reception in her honour.

At 4:29 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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DISABILITIES**

Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

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nesday, June 1, 2005

Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Ruby Dhalla, Carol Skelton and Robert Vincent.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of issues related to accessibility for persons with disabilities within the Federal Public Service and Parliamentary Precinct.

Subcommittee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Accessibility for All.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities as the first report of the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee request that the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities request that pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write a letter to the Speaker of the House regarding the absence of closed caption service in French.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write a letter to the Speaker of the House requesting that Committee rooms have at least one accessible table which can accommodate a wheelchair.

It was agreed, — That the Chair send a cheque for the remaining award money to Mr. David Hains, recipient of the 2004 Centennial Flame Research Award, with a letter of thanks for his research paper on behalf of the members of the committee.

At 4:46 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Monday, October 31, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff
and Carol Skelton.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Ruby Dhalla,
and Robert Vincent for Denise Poirier-Rivard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 14

Monday, October 31, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the [chair role], Miriam Burke, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff and Carol Skelton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Ruby Dhalla and Robert Vincent for Denise Poirier-Rivard.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Carol Skelton, it was agreed, — That Ken Boshcoff be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

On motion of Robert Vincent, it was agreed, — That Carol Skelton be elected as Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

At 11:06 a.m., the Subcommittee proceeded *in camera* to discuss future business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee sit on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m..

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Social Development be invited to appear to discuss the Government Response to the report Accessibility For All adopted by the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed, — That the Speaker of the House be invited to appear to discuss the report Accessibility For All adopted by the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee resume its study of the CPP Disability Benefits and invite a representative from the Office of Social Development Canada as well as the President or a representative of the Canadian Medical Association.

It was agreed, — That the following groups be invited in order to resume and complete the study on accessibility within the Federal Government for persons with disabilities: Canada Transportation Agency, Emergency Preparedness Canada, Service Canada and Industry Canada (Emerging Technologies).

It was agreed, — That the Canadian National Institute for the Blind be invited to appear to discuss the results of their study “The Needs of Persons in Canada who are Living with Vision Loss”.

It was agreed, — That the Canadian Council of Canadians with Disabilities be invited to discuss the UN Protocol on Persons with Disabilities.

At 11:34 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Monday, November 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on "An Unequal Playing Field: Report on the Needs of People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired Living in Canada".

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff
Peter Julian
Denise Poirier-Rivard
Carol Skelton

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Judi Longfield for Ruby Dhalla

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst

WITNESSES:

Canadian National Institute for the Blind:

Cathy Moore, National Director , Consumer and Government
Relations.

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator;
John Rae, Member, Board of directors and President of the
Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee



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Meeting No. 15

Monday, November 14, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:33 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Carol Skelton, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Peter Julian, Denise Poirier-Rivard and Carol Skelton.

Acting Members present: Hon. Judi Longfield for Ruby Dhalla.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian National Institute for the Blind: Cathy Moore, National Director, Consumer and Government Relations. *Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator; John Rae, Member, Board of directors and President of the Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing on "An Unequal Playing Field: Report on the Needs of People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired Living in Canada".

Cathy Moore made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:35 a.m., Ken Boshcoff took the Chair.

At 12:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Laurie Beachell and John Rae made statements and answered questions.

At 1:33 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Monday, November 21, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of issues related to persons with disabilities.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Peter Julian
and Denise Poirier-Rivard.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear for Carol Skelton,
and Russ Powers for Ruby Dhalla.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.


WITNESSES:

Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada:
Peter Hill, Deputy Director General, Emergency Management
Policy;
James Young, Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister.

Department of Industry:
Chaouki Dakdouki, Director, Regulatory Policy and Planning.

Peter Hill made a statement and, with the James Young and Chaouki Dakdouki, answered questions.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 16

Monday, November 21, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:49 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Peter Julian and Denise Poirier-Rivard.

Acting Members present: Gary Goodyear for Carol Skelton and Russ Powers for Ruby Dhalla.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada: Peter Hill, Deputy Director General, Emergency Management Policy; James Young, Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister. *Department of Industry:* Chaouki Dakdouki, Director, Regulatory Policy and Planning.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 19, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of issues related to persons with disabilities.

Peter Hill made a statement and, with the James Young and Chaouki Dakdouki, answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:04 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Subcommittee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release to invite Canadians with disabilities to apply for the 2005 Centennial Flame Research Award.

It was agreed, — That the Statutory Report on the administration of the Centennial Flame Award Act, 2004-2005 be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

At 1:06 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Ken Boshcoff, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Monday, November 28, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of issues related to persons with disabilities.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Denise Poirier-Rivard
and Carol Skelton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Transportation Agency:

Gavin Currie, Director General, Air and Accessible Transportation Branch;

Mary-Jane Gravelle, Acting Director, Air and Accessible Transportation Branch.

Gavin Currie made a statement and, with Mary-Jane Gravelle, answered questions.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Monday, November 28, 2005

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:41 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Ken Boshcoff, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Ken Boshcoff, Denise Poirier-Rivard and Carol Skelton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Transportation Agency: Gavin Currie, Director General, Air and Accessible Transportation Branch; Mary-Jane Gravelle, Acting Director, Air and Accessible Transportation Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of issues related to persons with disabilities.

Gavin Currie made a statement and, with Mary-Jane Gravelle, answered questions.

At 12:26 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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